

Student Academic Service Partnerships

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and mathematics skills of children

Request for Application

for funds available through:

Student Academic Partnership Program (Senate Bill 316)

AmeriCorps – America Reads

AmeriCorps Education Awards Program

AmeriCorps*Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA)

with information for developing partnerships with:

College Work-study

National Senior Service Corps - Retired and Senior Volunteer &
Foster Grandparents Programs

Learn and Serve America – CalServe K-12 Service-learning Initiative

Learn and Serve America – Community-based Programs

A collaboration of:

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*California
Department of
Education*

This Request for Applications (RFA) makes available resources from a number of sources to support local collaborative community service initiatives to improve the reading, writing, and mathematics skills of California's children.

Resources from the following programs are available through this RFA:

*California
Commission on
Improving Life
Through Service*

A. Student Academic Partnership Program (SB 316): \$5 million of Goals 2000 funding available statewide.

B. America Reads - AmeriCorps national service: \$25 million available nationally.

C. America Reads - AmeriCorps*VISTA national service: \$24 million available nationally.

D. AmeriCorps Education Awards Program: 10,000 full-time equivalent positions available nationally.

*California State
Office, Corporation
for National
Service*

This RFA also describes how local collaborations may access the following additional resources:

*California
Education
Roundtable,
Subcommittee on
Outreach,
Admissions and
Transfers*

E. Federal College Work-study and California colleges and universities committed to supporting the America Reads initiative.

F. National Senior Service Corps: Retired and Senior Volunteer Programs (RSVP) and Foster Grandparents (FGP) - \$8.4 million available nationally to support America Reads.

G. Learn and Serve America: CalServe K-12 Service-learning Initiative

H. Learn and Serve America: Community-based Programs

This funding is intended to support a diversity of effective program designs that harness the power of community service to improve early childhood reading, writing, and computational skills, including:

- (1) programs based at schools, libraries, and other community venues;
- (2) programs where services are delivered after, before, and during the school day and during intersession;
- (3) programs targeted to infants and toddlers, preschoolers, and/or school age students grades K–6;
- (4) programs that provide service opportunities in roles as academic mentors, tutors, volunteer recruiters and coordinators to a full spectrum of community members, including secondary grades and college students, seniors, corporate, and other community volunteers;
- (5) programs that engage children/service recipients in age-appropriate service-learning experiences as a strategy to reinforce knowledge and skills associated with literacy development;
- (6) programs designed and operated by local collaborations of schools, colleges, libraries, and other local organizations focused on early childhood education.

The *Program Examples* section of this RFA provides a brief look into ways resources available through this RFA can be combined with each other and with other existing resources to create effective local programs.

Five Information Sessions will be conducted; attendance at one of these sessions is strongly recommended. **Letters of Intent to Apply must be received by March 27, 1998. Applications must be received by April 17, 1998.**

If you decide to apply solely for SB 316 funds, please use Application A included in this mailing.

For additional information please see the contact phone numbers listed in the *General Instructions* section. This application is available on the Internet at the following addresses: <http://www.cilts.ca.gov> and <http://www.cde.ca.gov>. You are strongly encouraged to use the web sites identified in this RFA to access additional information important to all applicants.

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